

1 bond with the particles and at least one functional group capable of forming a hydrogen bond with the
2 fiber. The superabsorbent particles have a hydrogen or coordinate covalent bonding functional site.
3 The binder serves to bind the particles to the fiber through formation of hydrogen and/or coordinate
4 covalent bonds.--

5 REMARKS

6 Applicants respectfully request that the amendment set forth above be entered prior to
7 examination of the subject application. If the reviewing party has any questions regarding the above, he
8 or she is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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